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CONSTITUTION OF TASK FORCE FOR TIGERS IN SARISKA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force constituted by the Government to study the tiger-crisis in Sariska forest in Rajasthan has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) In the wake of tigers getting locally extinct in Sariska, based on the recommendations made in the meeting of the National Board for Wildlife on 17.3.2005 under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, a Task Force was constituted to review the management of Tiger Reserves in the country. The said Task Force submitted its report on 5.8.2005.The key recommendations of the Tiger Task Force Report are as below:

(i) Reinvigorate the institutions of governance.

(ii) Strengthen efforts geared towards protection of the tiger, checking poaching, convicting wildlife criminals and breaking the international trade network.

(iii) Expand the inviolate spaces for the tiger by minimizing human pressure in these areas.

(iv) Repair the relationships with the people who share the tiger's habitat by building strategies for coexistence.

(v) Regenerate the forest habitats in the fringes of the tiger's protective enclaves by investing in forest, water and grassland economies of the people.

(c) The action on the recommendations of Tiger Task Force are at Annexure-I.